GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE ON PRICE RISE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered committee constituted by the Government to monitor prices of essential commodities has since given any recommendations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. During the period January to June 2006, High Powered Price Monitoring Board (HPPMB) held several meetings to review the price scenario and suggested appropriate measures/steps to be taken by the Departments concerned for containing the prices of essential commodities within reasonable level and for enhancing availability of essential commodities. Specifically, the HPPMB in its meeting held in April 2006 directed the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to take up with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) for preparing a contingency plan for checking rise in prices of pulses. NAFED floated tenders for import of pulses in June 2006. Besides, HPPMB also directed in June 2006 the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to issue instructions to National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and Mother Dairy to move supplies of tomato from Himachal Pradesh into Delhi for distribution through outlets of Mother Dairy. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries accordingly took up the matter with NDDB and Mother Dairy.